

Dedication

The 2006 Annual Town Report is dedicated to the many volunteers who serve the Town, particularly those who serve on a Town-appointed Board or Committee. Without the efforts and expertise of these volunteers, the Town would not be nearly as well served as it is so fortunate to be.

The Selectmen would like to recognize one volunteer in particular, and that is Nelson Barter who has served on the Town's Fire and Rescue Committee for a number of years by virtue of his position as the Harpswell Neck Fire Chief. We know that Nelson would not want to be singled out, but we cannot let his years of service to the Town go without our notice and public thanks.

Nelson has proven to be an invaluable resource to the Selectmen and to the Town as a member of its Fire and Rescue Committee. His insights are highly regarded and thoughtfully articulated. While demonstrating firm and steady leadership at the helm of the Harpswell Neck Fire Department, he has also played a key role in the Town's efforts to keep communication flowing between the Town and its three emergency services entities. We are all better served for his participation in this process. We understand that Nelson has stepped down as chief, but that he will continue to serve as a volunteer firefighter, once again demonstrating a personal commitment to volunteerism of which the Town of Harpswell is the beneficiary. To all the volunteers who serve the Town, including Nelson Barter, we extend our sincerest thanks.